

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

October 1, 2021

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-21-90071

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided over a civil case she filed in 2019. The allegations in the complaint are sparse and limited to her contention that the judge “acted knowingly and willfully without personal jurisdiction of defendant or in rem jurisdiction of insurance claim.” She attached a copy of a motion for relief from final judgment that she recently filed, but there is nothing more to the complaint.

The complainant has not articulated any cognizable judicial misconduct. Allegations directly related to the merits of the judge’s decisions are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). “Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge ... is merits related.” STEPHEN BREYER ET AL., IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND DISABILITY ACT OF 1980: A REPORT TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE 145 (2006). Because the complainant challenges only the merits of the judge’s decision to dismiss her case, the complaint must be dismissed. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii).

For the foregoing reasons, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). The complainant may petition the Judicial Council of the Seventh Circuit for review of this order in accordance with Rule 18(b) of the *Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings*. 28 U.S.C. § 352(c); see RULES FOR JUD.-CONDUCT & JUD.-DISABILITY PROC. 11(g)(3). A petition for review must be filed in the clerk’s office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit not later than 42 days of the date of this order.